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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed July 17, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 21 and 22.

Please amend claims 1-8, 10 and 11 as follows:

-- 1. (Twice Amended) A hand-held pressurized product dispenser comprising
a container containing product under pressure, said container having a top, a hand-engageable body portion and a bottom,
a valve mechanism at the top of said container that communicates with said container and is movable with respect to said container to cause pressurized axial discharge of said product out of said container via a nozzle outlet that is axially aligned with said container, and
a valve actuation lever that is pivotally connected to said valve mechanism via a pivotal connection and extends along said body to a lever end such that relatively larger displacement of said lever end causes a controlled, relatively smaller displacement of said valve mechanism, permitting adjustable throttled delivery of said product.

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